



Ohio Union Council

Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2012 – Great Hall Meeting Room 2, Ohio Union

Present: Matt Couch (Ex-Officio, Ohio Union Director of Student Activities & Orientation), Dan Huffman (Ohio Union Business Office), Katie Dean Williams (Ohio Union Graduate Student Employee), Chuck Claibourne (Alumna), Brad Myers (At-Large), Mia Grube (Ex-Officio, President of Ohio Union Activities Board), Adam Young (Council of Graduate Students), Ann Kneidinger-Flaherty (At-Large), Scott Jones (Faculty), Lexie Alley (USG), Simon Cheung (Ohio Union Student Employee), Frank Sasso (At-Large), Hali Buck (Ex-Officio, Coordinator of Student Involvement, Advisor of the OUAB), Richard Wofford (USAC).

I. Welcome

Introductions and responses to the question – “What is your favorite ice cream flavor?”

II. Ohio Union Activities Board Update

- a. Mia Grube, OUAB President
 - In the past month, we've had 34 events and reach 4500 students in addition to the grad/prof student events.
 - OUAB recently brought Kal Penn in the ballroom along with a haunted house in the ballroom for Halloween.
 - OUAB will be bringing Louis CK in December for a show that sold out the same day tickets were released.
 - Tonight they have karaoke in Woody's and a jazz night in the Performance Hall.
 - OUAB just announced that they will be partnering with the Schottenstein Center to distribute free tickets to the Maroon 5 concert.
 - OUAB will be working on selecting the new executive board and solidifying their spring calendar in the next few months.

III. Directors' Reports

- a. Ohio Union Events Director's Report (given by Dan Huffman for Eve Esch)
 - 2791 events in October, (2,490 in October 2011) with 4% of the events being clients from outside groups, 28% university, and 68% student groups.
 - The building's people counters registered 200,000 visitors for October
 - The Ohio Union staff have processed 615 reservations for classroom space
 - Recent events include several election day activities including serving as a Polling Station and having surprise guests including Governor Strickland and Jesse Jackson
 - Upcoming Events include the Ohio Business Roundtable Annual Meeting, Global Diabetes Summit, Beat Michigan Week, and the annual Thanksgiving Dinner.
 - The building will be closed for Veteran's Day, 11/22 and 11/23 (still opening for Thanksgiving Dinner)
 - We do anticipate traffic coming through the building on Tuesday, 11/20 for the Mirror Lake Jump and will plan accordingly.
- b. Business & Finance Director's Report from Dan Huffman
 - October is looking to have \$950,000 in revenue
 - Dan shared an overview of staffing and benefits or the Ohio Union
- c. Student Activities & Orientation Director's Report from Matt Couch
 - It's the season for professional conferences for our staff with folks attending Association of College Unions International (ACUI), American College Personnel Association (ACPA), and National Association of Student

Personnel Administrators (NASPA). This year ACPA and NIRSA are presenting together. Several staff are presenting at these conferences:

- Katie Krajny, J.Randall Hicks & Adam Burden at ACUI
- Jen Pelletier, Kristen Rupert, Vian Barwari at ACPA
- Matt with other Student Life on veteran students on campus (NASPA)
- Melissa Rocco (coordinator of leadership development initiatives) is running for the position of chair of ACPA's leadership initiatives
- In December, Ohio State is hosting a leadership educators institute here in the Ohio Union.
- They are already at capacity for student groups registered for the Winter Involvement Fair
- Planning about 60 Buck-I-SERV service trips for Winter Break including several international trips - (2) to South Africa, (1) to Belize, and (1) to Ghana.

IV. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Events (Simon Cheung, Chair)
 - The committee heard reports from Beat Michigan Pep Rally, 21st Annual Thanksgiving Dinner, Winter Involvement Fair, MLK Day of Service.
 - Committee still working on reviewing signature events – need about 6 more groups to present.
- b. Policy
 - Ann distributed a first-read document for the following topics. Contact her or Eve with questions.
 - Building Hours
 - Confirmation text for 50% Deposit... do we need to look at adding a clause about whether the details change again and another deposit is needed. Does it reduce our customer service ability? Brad suggested re-working
- c. Ad-Hoc to Review Ohio Union Council Policies & Procedures
 - Katie Dean will present procedures suggestions at the next meeting. One major topic the committee requested feedback on was our attendance policy.
 - It may be a challenge to enforce attendance policies with the new committee
 - Adam mentioned that there are attendance policies for student governments to serve on committees.
 - Should it be the same for staff?
 - Is attendance also required for subcommittee meetings?
 - For USAC, if you miss a certain number of meetings, you need to have an excuse.
 - It might be a good idea for staff AND students to have an alternative designated.

V. Future Meetings & Topics

- Thurs. Dec. 6 at 6:30pm (Ohio Union - Ohio Staters Traditions Room)
- Thurs. Jan 10 at 6:30pm (Ohio Union - Rosa Ailabouni Room)
- Thurs. Feb 7 at 6:30pm (Ohio Union – SPHINX Room)
- Thurs. Mar 7 at 6:30pm (Ohio Union - Ohio Staters Founders Room)
- Thurs. Apr 11 at 6:30pm (Ohio Union - SPHINX Room)
- Other updates to come for future meetings:
 - Dining services block plan and how it's affecting the Ohio Union
 - Utilizing the building during the morning hours to better market
 - Impact of CampusParc

VI. Announcements (none)

Katie Dean Williams motioned to adjourn; Chuck Claibourne seconded... motion passed.